Madurai, Trichy, Erode, Tirupur and Salem to be commissioned by 1993.

(b) Medium capacity electronic exchanges at 4 towns to be commissioned by 1993.

(c) Small capacity electronic exchanges at 59 towns to be commissioned by 1993.

Production of Oil and Gas at the Cauvery Basin

2050. SHRI T.R. BALU: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of oil wells dug so far at Cauvery Basin and also amount spent by ONGC for developing Cauvery Basin to date;

(b) what is the depth of each well and oil and gas produced by each well since its commissioning;

(c) what is the type of crude oil and gas available from each well;

(d) how many more exploratory wells are being presently dug at Cauvery Basin alongwith the depth of each well; and

(e) whether Tamil Nadu Govt. has approached the Central Government to set up an oil refinery at Thanjavur; if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) to (c) ONGC have so far drilled 55 wells onland and 28 offshore in Cauvery basin. Out of these, hydrocarbons have been discovered in 20 wells onland and 8 in offshore. Currently oil/gas is being produced from wells in Narimanam, Bhuvanagiri and Kovilkalappal through Early Production System The time and labour involved in collection of information about depth of each well, type of hydrocarbons available will not be commensurate with the purpose sought to be achieved.

An expenditure of Rs. 175.49 crores (excluding depreciation) has been incurred by ONGC on exploratory/development drilling — both onland and offshore in Cauvery basin upto 31st March, 1988.

(d) Seven wells are presently under drilling. The details of these are as under:—

Well No.	Depth (M) *(As on 28.2.89)*
ONLAND	
1 Adiyakkamanglam	17
2. Narimanam-13	856
3 Narimanam-14	510
4. Tirukalar-3	800
5. Bhuvanagiri-1	3745
OFFSHORE	
6. PY-3-9	2129
7. PY-3-6	2985

Besides, in the onland part of the Cauvery basin two wells Narimanam-10 (depth 2370 M) and Komarakshri (depth 5151 M) are under production testing and rig-building/rig dismantling in progress at two wells viz., Narimanam-12 and Sattapadi-1.

(e) Government have asked Madras Refinery Limited to prepare a detailed Feasibility Report for setting up necessary primary facilities for processing the crude produced in the Cauvery Basin. Preliminary estimate of the project cost is Rs. 94 crores. The capacity is to absorb 0.5 Million tonnes of crude oil.

Fire in pong dam power house complex

2051. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA:
SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently a major fire broke out at the Pong Dam Power House Complex,

(b) if so, what are the details thereof stating the extent of loss suffered as a result thereof;

(c) what is the outcome of the inquiry, if any, conducted into the causes of the fire and whether any sabotage is suspected; and

(d) what action has been taken by the Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Fire broke out in the cable gallery and cable tunnel connecting the Switchyard to the Power House Control room causing damage to transformers, cables and control panels. The loss is estimated to be of the order of about Rs. 3 crores.

(c) and (d) The cause of the fire and the extent of damage would be known after the report of the Enquiry Committee is available.

Short supply of insulin in the country

2052. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER:
SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the continuous short supply of insulin in the country;

(b) if so, by what percentage the demand for insulin is met from within the country and what is the annual rate of its imports to meet the demand; and

(c) the manner in which Government propose to ensure adequate supply of insulin for the diabetic patients in the country?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (c) This Ministry regularly monitors the availability of all important vital drugs, based on periodical reports of State Drug Controllers. As per available information, there is no shortage of insulin in the country, at present.

Non-availability of Salzopyrin drug in Delhi and Allahabad

2053. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that for the last two months Salzopyrin drug is not available in the market specially at Delhi and Allahabad and if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(b) what steps Government propose to take to make the drug available in the market?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) This Ministry regularly monitors the availability of all important vital drugs, based on the periodical reports of State Drug Controllers. As per available information, no reports of shortage of drug referred to in the question at Delhi and Allahabad were received in the recent past.

(b) Does not arise.

Production of bicycle components and diary equipments

2054. SHRI N. E. BALARAM:
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering a proposal to reserve the production of certain bicycle components and items of dairy equipments to certain medium and large scale industries, and

(b) if so, what are the details and reasons therefor?